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Citations Affected: IC 16-28-11.

Synopsis: Health facility fire sprinkler systems. Requires certain health facilities to have automatic fire sprinkler systems before July 1, 2012. Provides that if a system is not installed before July 1, 2010, a plan for completion must be submitted to the health facilities council. Requires the state department of health to publish the types of automatic fire sprinkler systems and smoke detectors in a nursing home in the department's consumer guide to nursing homes.

Effective: July 1, 2007.



A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 16-28-11-5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 5. (a) This section does not apply to the Indiana Veterans' Home.**

(b) A health facility licensed under this article as a comprehensive care facility must do the following:

(1) Have an automatic fire sprinkler system throughout the facility before July 1, 2012.

(2) If an automatic fire sprinkler system is not installed throughout the health facility before July 1, 2010, submit before July 1, 2010, a plan to the state department for completing installation of the automatic fire sprinkler system before July 1, 2012.

(c) The state department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this section.

SECTION 2. IC 16-28-11-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 6. The state department shall disclose, in the state department's consumer guide to nursing homes, whether a health facility is:**

(1) fully;

(2) partially; or

(3) not;

equipped with sprinklers.

SECTION 3. IC 16-28-11-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 7. The state department shall disclose the following information in the state department's consumer guide to nursing homes:**

(1) Whether a health facility has:

(A) battery operated;



- 1 **(B) hard wired; or**
2 **(C) no;**
3 **smoke detectors in each resident's room.**
4 **(2) If a health facility has hard wired or battery-operated**
5 **smoke detectors in each resident's room, whether the smoke**
6 **detectors:**
7 **(A) provide a visual and audible signal at the nurses'**
8 **stations that attend each room;**
9 **(B) transmit to a central station service; and**
10 **(C) connect to the health facility's fire alarm system.**
11 **SECTION 4. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007] (a) As used in this**
12 **SECTION, "commissioner" has the meaning set forth in**
13 **IC 16-18-2-340.**
14 **(b) Notwithstanding IC 16-28-11-5, as added by this act, the**
15 **state department of health shall carry out the duties imposed upon**
16 **the state department of health under IC 16-28-11-5, as added by**
17 **this act, under interim written guidelines approved by the**
18 **commissioner.**
19 **(c) This SECTION expires on the earlier of the following:**
20 **(1) The date rules are adopted under IC 16-28-11-5, as added**
21 **by this act.**
22 **(2) January 1, 2009.**

